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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, OCT. 1, 1889.

AN OUTSPOKEN FINDING.

The presentment of the New York grand scandal, shows the outrageous character of pensatory fact that one body at least, con- Councils. nected with the administration of justice, is not to be influenced or intimidated from speaking out boldly concerning it.

The presentment finds that there was a heinous and criminal conspiracy to procure a fraudulent divorce, in which various offipoints out that the Judge in permitting the conspiracy to go on without discovering and arresting it, was either culpably negligent or criminally accessory to the perversion of justice. The Judge is left to the action of dieted. A point for the Pennsylvania jurists to consider is presented in the fact that the system in reference to divorce cases similar to our own, affords an open gate for improper actions.

It remains to be seen whether the New York Legislature has sufficient energy, and the prosecuting officials of New York City sufficient independence, to make an example of all the persons connected with this degradation of justice, from the Judge

THE OLD SOLDIERS' GATHERING.

The reunion of the Grand Army veterans, to-day, has had less preliminary notice than usual, and it will probably be a quiet gathering of the old soldiers, with less of the crowds and parades that have marked the same event in past years. How-The display of flags and decorations may be moderate, and the weather outlook is not especially encouraging for the parade; but our old soldiers!

It is a good sign for Philadelphia that her citizens are waking up to the necessity of asserting the interest of the city as a whole in favor of an enterprise like the Belt Line Railroad. This project, which proposes to establish a railroad common to the use of, and connecting all railroads with the wharves of the city is based on the most impregnable grounds. The proposition is to "secure forever the use of the said Relt Line Railroad and branches, by all railroads connecting therewith upon equal terms, without discrimination or favoritism." Such a plan is for the interest of the entire public, and can only be opposed by those who have a selfish interest in the maintenance of exclusive privileges in transportation to and from the wharves.

The promise of such a feature as this in the old Marginal Railroad of this city gave it a claim upon the public tolerance. As that was deteated by the influence of the Pennsylvania Railroad then, it is instructive to notice that the same idea is now pushing itself into prominence at the citadel of Pennsylvania Railroad influence, in Philadelphia. When it triumphs as it must, upon its merits, either there or elsewhere, it will be perceived that the principle of the common use of railroad tracks within great cities need not be confined to the transfer from vessels to railways. It will be seen that the burdening of streets by multitudinous tracks, where the common use of one belt line would suffice, is a blunder hardly less in magnitude than a crime; that a system of union depots for passenger traffic, and common lines giving all roads an equal access to manufactories or shipping points, will at once secure the highest interests of the public and develop the most legitimate prosperity of the railroads.

These things will appear plainly enough when the country gets beyond the hampering influence of the theories of exclusive privileges in railway transportation. When a few such reforms are put into practical operation the wonder will be at the blindness which permitted the fetters of an antiquated system to restrain us so long.

THE INCREASE OF FAILURES.

The statistics of failures for the first nine ing in almost every quarter; and the in- Union depot to that point were left to the crease of failures will probably be arrested, old system. But it will be wise to remember the lesson in the limits that will be safe under all conditions of trade.

CONFUSED HORRIRLY. General Edward Burd Grubb seems to be He cannot for the life of him determine whether he is a citizen of New Jersey or Pennsylvania. When he was elected Captain of the First troop of Philadelphia

settled his belief for the time. Still he moved in Jersey politics a good deal, and this year the Republicans nominated him for Governor. This was very embarrassing of course to a man who had made un his mind quite a while before that he owed allegiance to the Keystone State. But with remarkable courage he looked the situation in the face, and disabused himself of the idea that he had ever been truly divorced from New Jersey's soil. He just argued himself out of his Pennsyl-Average net circulation of the daily edition of vania citizenship, and acknowledged his conviction that he ought to vote and to be voted for in New Jersey. To pin himself down to this position he resigned his commission in the Philadelphia city cavalry, and a few days ago Adjutant-General Hastings issued an order for the election of his

> We sincerely sympathize, with any man who does not know for certain of what State he is a citizen, and all the more when he is running for Governor. There are a few things every man should be allowed to know beyond a peradventure, and his citizenship is one of them. From the appearance of things we should judge that General Edward Burd Grubb is nearly as likely to be elected Governor of Pennsylvania as Governor of New Jersey this fall.

THE CITY AND ITS EMPLOYES.

The question raised by the Chief of the Department of Public Safety with regard to the employment of men on the fire and police forces, who are physically incapacitated jury with regard to the Flack divorce for the full discharge of their duty, is an important one, and should command the that public offense, and presents the com- most earnest and impartial consideration of

It is plain that the city cannot maintain on its rolls of active service men who are unable to perform the duties for which they are paid. The ordinance presented in this connection seems to be in the line of an intelligent reform; and if it should include a cers of the court were clearly engaged. It provision against removals, except for cause, would result in benefit to the public service.

At the same time it seems clear that the city is not without its duty to the men who have become physically incapacitated in the Legislature; the lesser criminals are in- the discharge of hazardous and hard public work. The mere fact that a policeman or fireman is disabled from ordinary causes, while he happens to hold a public position, does not constitute any claim; but when a member of either department is incapacitated by reason of his public duties, or has grown old in long and faithful service. a conscientious view of the public obligations would recognize the rightfulness of doing something for him on his retirement.

We think that an ordinance providing a modest system of partial pay for men who have been disabled as a result of their public duties, would receive the hearty approval of the fair-minded taxpayers.

THE LATEST CORNER.

The corner in the Liverpool cotton market, which was terminated yesterday by the ever this may be, Pittsburg will extend the sales of the speculator who has hitherto same warm greeting to the veterans, this held the greater part of the stock on the year, that she always has in store for them. market, appears to have been tolerably successiul, and is a fair example of its class.

Like the trust, the corner is based on the attempt to control so much of the stock on the heart of Pittsburg has the same love the market, for the time being, as will perand admiration for the defenders of the mit the cornerer to exact high prices from Union as in the day when there was always | those whose necessities force them to puran entertainment and a welcome for every chase. The corner is a temporary and tranregiment that passed through the city. A sient trust, generally formed by combinapleasant reunion and many more like it to tion and always operated for the sake of securing an artificial enhancement of prices. Its transitory nature confines most of its direct injury to the speculators who are betting the other way, and makes it a les abuse than the permanent exaction of excessive prices from consumers by means of

the trusts. It is also to be said with regard to corners that, as frequently as not, they inflict their greatest penalties on those who get them up. Harper's wheat corner, the Penn Bank petroleum deal, and a long list of other corners back to the losing Black Friday gamble of Fisk and-Gould, afford testimony to the fact that the schemer who tries to fleece his fellows is frequently shorn himself. Nevertheless, successes like those of Steenstrand in cotton and Hutchinson in wheat, are constantly tempting emulation on the part of those whose desire to gain

wealth overmasters both their caution and

their honesty.

Trusts and cornérs are alike prejudicial to trade morals and obnoxious to the law. They present no graver aspect than the fact that the hope of wealth is sufficient to override all the restraints which commercial morality, and a vigorous legal system should impose. It is an impeachment of the laws, when a privileged wealthy class is permitted to ignore the principles of right in order to turn legitimate business into pure gambling.

SINGULAR IGNORANCE

The inability of very intelligent men to perceive what they do not wish to see is illustrated by the assertion of Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, with regard to the recent fatal collision on his railroad, that he does not see "how it is possible for any railroad to avoid such an accident." The accident, as Mr. Depew and the news-

paper reports agree, was caused by the breaking down of the engine of the first section of a through train, while the second section was following at a high rate of speed, and therefore crashed into the rear cars, before it could be stopped. If Mr. Depew does not see how such an accident as this could be prevented, it is only because he has failed to study the precautionary systems in use upon the rival railroad which is his chief rival. The block system, which the Pennsylvania Railroad has used for many years, by which months of 1889 disclose a rather uncomfort- one train is prevented from going on one able enlargement in the number of business | end of a block until the train preceding it misfortunes, there being a little over 1,000 has left the other end, renders such accimore than for the same period in 1888. The | dents impossible. It is a singular testimony gross liabilities show the more than corres- to the efficiency of this system, as well as ponding increase, from a total of \$80,000,000 | an example of the way in which such prefor the first three quarters of last cautions can be partially neglected, that the year to a total of \$101,000,000 so Pennsylvania Railroad has been totally exfar this year. These figures indicate the re- empt from the collisions caused by a followsults of the unfavorable trade conditions ing train running into the one preceding it, which have prevailed in many departments | with the exception of the Twenty-eighth up to a recent date; and also prove street disaster in 1880. That was due to the that many firms were caught with their af- fact that the block system, then only comfairs too much inflated to meet the strain | menced at Twenty-eighth street, and the of adverse times. Business is now improv- trains running through the yards from the

The inability of railroad managers to see of these figures and to keep liabilities with- how casualties can be avoided, when the means of doing so are in practical operation, is sometimes shown even more singularly than by Mr. Depew. The Panhandle road, allied as it is with the Pennsylvania Railroad, certainly should be informed as to the embarrassed by more things than his name. block system. Yet a rear-end collisionhappily not fatal-occurred on that line yesterday, which could have been prevented by the modern appliances.

Pennsylvanian, and though some people did not agree with him, his opinion was accepted by the State authorities and he re-

ceived his commission. Probably this to offer that organization the freedom of the city upon all occasions, now and forever.

THE return of the United States steamer Dolphin after a cruise around the world, of a year and three-quarters, affords a practical illustration of the fact that the work of re-establishing the navy has not been wholly wasted. The Dolphin is one of the new vessels which was severely criticised, and probably she is not in the first-class of cruisers. Yet in her voyage of 58,000 miles with almost constant steaming she was delayed only two hours by a slight accident to her machinery. The much berated Dolphin may not be a very fast vessel but she is evidently a serviceable one.

THE eloquent silence of the Old Roman. Allen G. Thurman, in the Ohio Democratic canvass, is the most significant indication of the way in which the creditable element of the Ohio Democracy regards the berrel domination of their State organization.

THE proposition to sell the public school building of the First ward, because enough pupils do not attend it to make it worth while to keep it open, would arouse anew the sectarian feeling about the religious control of the schools. It will be much better for all parties to avoid the revival of such an issue. As it can be done in this case by letting the people of the First ward manage their schools upon a nonsectarian basis, the hope is not unreasonable that such a bitter and profitless conflict will not be provoked.

THE list of failures for the past nine nonths does not include the host of World's Fair projects. If those enterprises are included in the statistics, the total of their unfulfilled promises to pay will be something alarming.

THE distribution of the minor plums of the United States internal revenue office, in this district, is completed, as will be seen by the list given elsewhere. The list will carry to the hearts of the appointees and their friends the profound conviction that the administration is a glittering success; while the disappointed may console themselves with their private belief that the fruit is sour.

THE four-months-old asseverations of our friends, the coke operators, that they could never pay the advanced wages, are recalled to mind by the fact that the last firm to sign the scale was taken into the fold vesterday.

AN American in Constantinople writes to the Mayor of New York that he is trying to work up a boom for the New York World's Fair among the Turks. This the Sun applauds as a good idea, probably from a personal perception of the fact that it is a good deal easier to work up such a boom among the Mussulmans than it is among the millionaires of New York

A CORN crop, estimated at 2,250,000,000 bushels this year, does not quite beat the record, but it will furnish an immense surplus of bacon and corn bread to feed the hungry people of the world.

IT is pleasant to note that Councils took another step toward the realization of the Carnegie Library for Pittsburg, by passing a resolution creating a committee to confer with Mr. Carnegie. After ten years of hesitation, we are allowed to hope that something in the way of actual progress will be made toward securing this great public benefit.

WHEN Sugar Trust certificates drop forty points in three months, at the mere prospect of competition, investors may come to the same conclusion as consumers, that trusts are not to be trusted.

THE scheme of State Senator Walker, of Mississippi, for removing the race question from politics by disqualifying the negroes from holding office, leaves the Southern fear of "negro domination" in the guise of actual dread lest, if the colored people have a chance at the offices, there will not be enough to go around among the white people.

THE gold medal awarded to Pittsburg's public school exhibit at Paris proves that some of the features of the United States department there were not wholly unappre

THE Liverpool cotton corner has collapsed. Various speculators have been squeezed, but the ability to permanently burden legitimate business with exorbitant prices has been found wanting. For success in that line the Liverpool cornerers must take lessons of our big oil, coal and other trusts.

THE outbreak of verbal warfare in councils, vesterday, should impress on the minds of city legislators the necessity of steering clear of sectional issues.

THE disposition of the New York newspapers to ignore the \$100,000 subscription of Joseph Pulitzer to the World's Fair, is an example of that petty jealousy, which, if permitted to prevail, makes the community where it exists incapable of great and successful public undertakings.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

CONGRESSMAN ISAAC STRUBLE, of Plymouth county, Ia., is an enthusiastic Prohibitionist, and says of the liquor traffic in Iowa, that it is practically dead. QUEEN VICTORIA'S rheumatism has be

difficulty. The Prince of Wales, too, is still far from being well. AT Belgrade yesterday ex-Queen Natalie paid a visit to her son, King Alexander. All the foreign representatives, with the exception of the Embassadors of Germany and Turkey,

ather bad again during the last few days, and

it is said that Her Majesty walks with great

afterward waited upon the ex-Queen. F. A. CARLE, who was for ten years mana ing editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and who for a year past has been in charge of that paper's bureau in Washington, will in a short ime assume active editorial charge of the Portland Oregonian. His place as Washington correspondent of the Pioneer Press will be

assumed by A. W. Dunn. A LONDON cablegram says: Mr. C. P. Huntington and his family have been here a week, Prince Hatzfeldt remained in Paris. Despite all the reports respecting the breaking off of the engagement, the correspondent has the best authority for saying that an amicable agreement has been completed and that the ar-rangements for the wedding are progressing. The marriage is to take place next week here

LORD HARTINGTON has consented to make an important addition to his already numerous political engagements during the recess of Par-liament. He will take the leading part in a is a little crookedness. monstration which is being organized for the last week in October by the Unionists of Wolverhampton, and will be supported by the Hon. C. P. Villiers, the venerable member for that borough, and by most of the leading

Unionists of the district.

COLONEL ROBERT PATTON CROCKETT SOL of the famous Davy Crockett, died recently on Hucker's creek, Texas. He was 73 years old and a Texas pioneer. Immediately after the fall of the Alamo and the massacre of his father by Santa Anna's brutal soldiers, he left his home in Tennessee and joined the Texas revolutionists. After peace was declared and victory achieved by the Texans, be returned to

THE TOPICAL TALKER. AT THE PHEATERS.

There is More Than One Kind of Minister-The Merchant of Venice-Aunt Bridget and

A Way to Speed a Guest-The Corset and the Cark Back. A YOUNG woman who was a domestic in the ousehold of Mr. Roland J. Hemmick until that gentleman was given the consulate at ployer the other day in great perplexity.
"I don't understand how Mr. Hemmick can
be a minister, as they say he's to be," she said.

"Why shouldn't he be?"
"It's against the rules of the church. Mr. Hemmick's a Catholic, and I always thought Catholics as were married weren't allowed to preach. So how Mr. Hemmick can be a min ister I can't tell."

Nor was she entirely satisfied when it was ex-

plained to her that Mr. Hemmick's ministra-tions were to be diplomatic and not religious. PERHAPS you have known what it is to have

a visitor prolong his or her sojourn with you beyond a reasonable limit, outlast their welcome that is. The next time this happens the following recipe may be of service to you: Some weeks or months rather ago a certain young lady who dwells in another State was in-vited to stay with a Pittsburg family. The length of the visit was not prescribed. The young lady came and stayed all June; then all July, and when August came she showed no signs of moving. She was a medium-weight, average looking, fairly agreeable young person, and during June her hosts enjoyed her society. In July they began to grow weary of her, and during June her hosts enjoyed her solved.

In July they began to grow weary of her, and the verge of August brought them to the verge of a genuine dislike for the guest. Still they were too well-bred to show their teelings, and if there had not been a mischlevous boy of 14 ir the family 1 have no doubt the girl would be still emulating the example of the Old Man of the Sea. It was this boy who conceived a plat to start the tarrier homeward. He studied a society journal for the correct style and their wrote to a paper which makes a specialty of such things the following paragraph: "Missimple of the last three months, has returned to he home in ——."

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There is never a moment while he is on the twitching of his singers or the flashing of his underly add to the force and meaning of his spoken words or still more of his slience. Judged by this performance alone, the supreme crown of perfection would be awarded Mr. Booth.

Madame Modjeska's Portia was gracious, graceful, and at the desired place very powerful. With the charms of her person to endow the herolne in the earlier portion of the grand spectage.

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THE COOK BOOK AND THE CORSET.

'Twas but a paltry year ago Here 'twas a parlor passion.

The hands were ringed that made the ples; And worthy of a ballad, Were glances from the darlings' eyes That fell on soup or saind. Sweet voices sang the kitchen's praise

Tremendous debt for all our days To clever Miss Parloa." And since that day we all have seen

But fashions change-Let's thank our stars No longer in the kitchen My lady's meddling finger mars The handiwork of Gretchen,

To punish any sinner.

The pots and pans are thrown aside: And in fair Dora's bower Another hobby horse they ride,

From morn till sunset hour

The favorite's name is "Dress Reform"-And bless the little tea-cup storm That beats about the corset?

NATALIE STILL POPULAR.

The Ex-Queen Given a Warm Reception of Belgrade.

LONDON, September 30.-The enthusia welcome given to ex-Queen Natalie by the populace of Belgrade, astonished if, indeed, I did not dismay, the Government officials, who sought to accentuate their displeasure at the persistence of the royal lady in disregarding their wishes in insisting on her visit to her son. the officials of the Government unnoticeable, and to move the Queen to tears. The houses along the principal streets, as well as the resi dences of the nobility and inhabitants of the better classes were profusely and beautifully better classes were profusely and beautifully decorated, and in all respects the demonstra-tion surpassed anything of the kind that has ever been seen at the Servian capital.

The most notable exception to the rule of decoration of private residences was that of Madam Christich, wife of the late Servian Minister to Germany, and mistress of ex-King Milan. This omission can be regarded by Natalie in no other light than as complimentary, since it is a matter of Servian court notoriety that the art Queen took coexists to so publish that the ex-Queen took occasion we evince her detestation of Madam Christich and her appreciation of the King's lack of defense in bringing the woman into the presence of his in bringing the woman were whelmed with confu-

It is stated in official circles in Belgrade that the young King, Alexander, has become excessively jealous of his mother's popularity, but the courtesy shown to her by the Russian Minister and others not over-friendly to the present Government of Servia, will undoubtedly deter the boy's advisers from counseling him mother with any marked lack of filial atten-

BEN'S WELCOME HOME. --

Congressman Butterworth Tendered

Hearty Reception at Washington. WASHINGTON, September 30 .- About 2.500 people assembled at "The Rink" in this city this evening and gave Congressman Ben Butterworth an enthusiastic greeting on his return from his trip to Europe. The building was handsomely decorated. The audience arose and cheered when Major Butterworth appeared upon the stand, escorted by a reception committee of well known citizens of Ohio resident in Washington and has been

a preception committee of well known citizens of Ohio, resident in Washington, and by a band of music and a considerable procession of citizens. He was welcomed back to Washington by Colonel A. S. Worthington, formerly District Attorney, and responded in a long speech thanking the people of Washington and reviewing his European experiences.

He says that he had often spoken on the tariff question and had pletured graphically the squalor, wretchedness and rags prevailing in Germany. What he had to say now would jar with his stump utterances. He was more of a protectionist than ever, but he wanted to say, while he had seen plenty of abridged opportunity, he had seen neither squalor nor rags in Germany. The people were too industrious for that. There were neither weeds nor loafers in Germany. A great outburst of applause greeted the speaker when outburst of applause greeted the speaker when he made an allusion to the World's Fair project y stating that Berlin was the handsomest cap-al that he had seen abroad, but that it was of more beautiful than our own capital, as the erliners would see when they came over here

THE LARGEST EVER KNOWN.

This Year's Potnto Crop Estimated at Ove 233.000,000 Bushels. CHICAGO, September 30.—The forthcoming issue of the Furmers' Review will report that

the potato crop of 1889 will probably exceed in quantity that of any previous year in the United States. The acreage is less than last year, but the conditions of growth have in general been very favorable and there has been an unusual absence of insect enemies.

The total crop is estimated at 233,700,000 bushels, which exceeds last year's crop by over 17,000,000 bushels. A Railway Company's Agent Prosecuted Progress of the Cronin Case.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Several hundred men called as jurors in the Cronin case have been convicted of common sense, while the box is not yet filled with imbe ciles. This is encouraging. Only a Slight Difference.

tor" and "peculator" is a little crooked "s," The difference between the things themselves DEATHS OF A DAY.

The difference between the words "speenla-

From the Detroit Journal.

Charles S. Cudlipp. WASHINGTON, September 30 .- Charles S. Cod lipp, the well-known photographer, died yester-day at his rooms in the St. James Hotel, from the effects of a succession of epileptic fits. Mr. Cud-lipp was 41 years of age, and nad resided in Wash-ington all his life. He started in the photograph-ing business about 15 years ago, and was one of the most prominent photographers in the city. He was well known to public men under several adupting training.

Charles H. Stoddard. WASHINGTON, September M. -Mr. Charles H Stoddard, a well-known resident of Reno, Nev. who has been in Washington looking after large Indian depredations chilms, died at the Provi-dence Hospital last night from paraivsis. He had served in the State and Territorial Legislatures and had beid office under the State Government.

Under the worst auspices of weather imaginable, but before a large and appreciative audience Mr. Edwin Booth and Madame Modjeska made their first appearance together last night on the stage of the Grand Opera House. The play chosen for the commencement of a notable undertaking was Shakespeare's match-Booth, of course, was the Shylock, and Madame Modissks, the ame Modjeska the Portica. Everybody exis a New York banker. pected great things of such a conjunction, and pected great things of such a conjunction, and nobody, we venture to say, was disappointed. As for Mr. Booth's Shylock, we can only re-peat what has been said so often before, that it is the best considered and the truest personification of Shakespeare's intentions in the character that the stage has seen in our time, or for that matter in all time. Those who desire a Shylock who shall be a caricature and a scoff at the Hebrew will not like Mr. Booth in the part. But there is no justification in the lines put by Shakespeare in Shylock's mouth for such a conception of the character. The greedy disposition of the money lender and the vehement desire for re-venge in the member of an abused race are not venge in the member of an abused race are noundarly subordinated by Mr. Booth—the offensive characteristics are sharply drawn, they are painful enough—but the great actor makes Shylock's grief real and terrible when he discovers his daughter's flight, and, as a matter of fact, he brings the balance of sympathy down in the Hebrew's favor in the dramatic conclusion of the trial scene. In all dramatic conclusion of the trial scene. In all the niceties of his art Mr. Booth shines as ever.

spoke low not all the words reached the center of the andience. This was not Madame Modjeska's fault, but the audience's misfortune. In the trial scene no such accident interfered. She spoke the great oration—the test of every Portia—with grand effect and intense naturalness. She was dramatic, but as a lawyer might be. She showed all the while in the reading of the law and its interpretation her absorbing interest in Bassanio, and so nicely adjusted the two halves of her character at this point that the loving mistress and the forceful woman where clearly seen in the one individual. Looking at her Portia from the artistic standpoint, it lacked nothing. And yet we expect to see her in a far more congenial atmosphere ere the week is out.

Mr. Otis Skinner gave us a Bassanio that had much to recommend it. A healthy robustness and a maniy ring to the lover's speeches were the chief excellences of Mr. Skinner's work. Mr. Vroom's idea of the character of Anlonio may be perfectly correct, but it is surely too monotonous in its black melanchely. To descend to a ridiculous detail it must be said that Mr. Vroom's beard did not fit him properly. With the company as a whole there is no need to quarrel, and Mr. Owen Fawcett's fooling as Launcelot Gobbo is, as usual, conceived in a catholic spirit. His roughest humor does not jar upon one, as some of Mr. Charles Hanford's efforts did, although that gentleman's Gratino, as a whole, was a very clever performance.

The scenery was surprisingly good. The streets of Venice, the Rialto, were not rough copies of residences and vistas in Allegheny. The canals of the water city, with even a gondola or two, were prettily pictured. The court room where the trial took place was a grand place of scenery entirely worthy of the great play and the great actors. The costumes were also accurate and handsome. In short the performance, as a whole, could hardly have been improved upon, with one exception. The waits between the acts were absurdly long, and carried the play along till after H.30.

scenes, with which the play ends. To-night "Hamlet" is the play in order.

"My Aunt Bridger" at the Bijou was greeted by a packed bouse last night, and as everyone The extent of the demonstration was so great first act until it descended on the last, the jolly the officials of the Government of the Go performance comes under the comprehensive title of farce-comedy, and is interpreted by a very clever company. George W. Monroe as Bridget McVeigh is very successful in his rendition of the role of a rollicking, uneducated but shrewd old Irishwoman, and avoids the vulgarity which generally characterizes the female impersonations. John C. Rice, Mrs. McVeigh, is a good actor, and his Mrs. McVeigh, is a good actor, and his daheing approaches the marvelous. W. A. Mack at Joe Nervy, did some clever low comedy work and has a fair tenor voice, although it was sot improved by a severe cold. Repeated encored greated the revival of that quaint, sweet old song, "Sally in Our Alley," and it might be suggested many of those old songs might is introduced on the stage in place of the fryolous rhymes and frothy melodies which now have a monopoly. Merry Lena Merville as Polly Glider was as good as her name. which low have a monopoly. Merry Lena Mer-rille as Polly Glider was as good as her name, and diplayed a pair of light feet. As a whole the sigring was good, the dancing excellent and the costumes handsome. The plot is not serious enough to interfere with the fun.

Erasnus Wilson, the genial journalist whom everybody has for some years known as the "Quie Observer," is about to become still ous. He is going to lecture. As a starter, his subject will be the one embraced in the caption of this announcement. Those who save read some of his richest and rarest efforts in sticking to just such suggestive texts as this, may imagine they know just what sort of a treat it will be to hear him leture; but they don't—unless they have heard this droll seven-foot orator when, at his best, he just looks and speaks with sufficien deliberate dignity to give the lie to a pair o kindle eyes that sparkle with all the luster o a wit that is both original, contagious and at times explosive. 'Ras Wilson, as a lecturer. surel should draw well for the Layton Bureau.

Harris' Theater.

The Wilbur Opera Company began yesterday a two weeks' engagement at this house, playing twice to very large audiences, despite mud and driggling rain. "Princess of Trebigonde" was the opening bill, and it was given as Susie Kirwin and her support so often have given it in this city. All the old favorites are with the company this season, Kohule, Tre Dewick, Con-ley, Nares and the rest. The chorus is comley, Nares and the rest. The chorus is com-posed of young, bright-faced and prettily-formed young girls and young men, with voices which they know how to use to advantage. The costumes are new, bright and pretty, and a suc-cessful financial engagement is assured. The operette to be given this afternoon and evening is "Chimes of Normandy," to-morrow, "The Grand Duchess."

Harry Williams' Academy.

Another good vandeville programme is spread before the patrons of this theater this week. before the patrons of this theater this week.

Kennedy's "Bright Lights" contain some excellent material. There are the Vidoogs Sheridan and Flynn, Selyne and Lingard, Howe and
Doyle, the Heely brothers, Latts and Lynch,
De Lauer and Debrimont, Leopold and Keating, Herr Jules Keller, and Monsieur Emile

A CELEBRATED TEST CASE.

Under the Long-Haul Clause. Sr. Louis, September 30 .- In the United States District Court, at Hannibal, Mo., to-day, Judge Thayer overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of the United States against trial in the case of the United States against George K. Tozer, agent of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, for violation of the inter-State commerce law, in accepting freight at Hannibal which came from Chicago by a connecting line, sending it to Harper, Kan., for a lower rate than he would transport freight originating in Hanoibal to the same point. The case will probably be appealed to the United States Circuit Court, which is the final trabunal. The case is being watched with great interest by railroad companies and shippers of the country, as it is the first like prosecution of a railroad employe under the inter-State commerce law.

Indorsing Chicago's Cialms. St. PAUL, September 30.—By an overwhelming majority the Chamber of Commerce of this city this morning announced an emphatic in dorsement of the claims of Chicago for the World's Exposition of 1892.

A Suggestion to the Czar. From the Chicago Tribune.1 Why doesn't the Czar of Russia, merely as an experiment, abolish a few of the evils of which his discontented subjects complain, and see if he would not be healthier, happier and safer?

The Man to Edit It. From the St. Paul Ploneer Press.1 Browning has 30 poems ready to publish in new volume. He should turn his copy the purrie editor at once.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

Miss Ellen Pant and Francis Hobbs Skeldlog Married at Oakmont-Church and

Home Nicely Decorated. The most notable wedding of the season so far, and one that will long be remembered for its picturesqueness and beauty, was solemuized in the Church of St. Thomas, Oakmont, at 6 o'clock last evening. The contracting parties were Miss Ellen Paul and Mr. Francis Hobbs Skelding. Miss Paul is the youngest daughter of Mr. J. H. Paul, of Oakmont. Mr. Skelding

The bridal party entered the church to the strains of the Lobengrin Wedding March, and in the following order marched to the altar, where the groom and best man, Mr. Williams, of New York, awaited them. The ushers, Edwin Paul, Charles Metcalf, Mr. Chaplin and R. P. Nevin, Jr., were followed by four little girls, P. Nevin, Jr., were followed by four little girs, all carrying baskets of pink roses, all nieces of the bride, then the bridemaids, Miss Hubbard, of Chicago, Miss Hogg, of New Haven, Miss Jean Oxnard and Miss Metcalf, of this city. The maid of honor, Miss Skelding, immediately preceded the bride and ber father. The customary ring was used, and the responses of both bride and groom were very distinct. The bride's dress was of white satin, trimmed with point lace, the entire front being of lace.

with point lace, the entire front being of lace. It was princess back, with basque effect in front. The V neck was finished with a narrow fluting of lace. The sleeves were puffed at the elbow. An unusually handsome veil, with white gloves, completed the costume. The bouquet was of encharis, lily of the valley and maiden-hair ferns. The only ornament was a handsome pendent of diamonds and pearls, a present from the groom.

The maid of honor was arrayed in a white silk mull made in the Grecian style with sash knotted on the side. The bridesmaids were all in white silk mull, and carried bouquets of pink roses tied with pink ribbon. The little girls were in white dresses fashioned with baby waists and full skirts. They carried baskets filled with pink roses. The groom and best man appeared in the usual dress, each with a white rosebud on the lapel of his coat. The ushers were in evening dress, tan gloves, and

man appeared in the usual dress, each with a white rosebud on the lapel of his coat. The ushers were in evening dress, tan gloves, and wore a spray of lily of the valley.

The church was decorated by friends of the bride with wild flowers and ferns. The chancel was banked with canna, the only cultivated plant used. The railings of mahogany and gold with woodbine in its autumn coloring were very pretty. To the right in the main body of the church the organ was gracefully festooned with the cyprus vine and wild sunflowers. Directly opposite the baptismal font was filled with ferns and surrounded with dogwood. The windows were filled with golden rod, white phlox and sumach. The chandeliers were all trimmed with the cyprus vine.

The church was filled with prominent society people from Pittsburg and Sewickley—two special cars were run to accommodate them. From New York was Mr. Skelding, paymaster in the United States Navy, with wife and daughter, parents and sister of the groom; from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevin, well known to society here. After the ceremony the wedding paymay and layered and layer the westly was the survey and invested weets were the content of the groom; from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevin, well known to society here. After the ceremony the wedding paymay and invested weets were the content of the groom;

from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevin, well known to society here. After the ceremony the wedding party and invited guests were driven to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held. The house was decorated in the same manner as the church. The wedding supper was elaborate and served by Hays. Music was furnished by Toerge Bros. The flowers carried by the bridal party were furnished by J. R. & A. Murdoch.

The collection of wedding presents included everything handsome in the line of silver, china, bric-a-brac, etc. The happy pair left on the evening train for New York, their future home, and with them went the best wishes of a throng of ardent friends and admirers.

BETWEEN 500 and 600 strangers have visited the Conservatory daily during the Exposition. They seem dumb with amazement when they gaze upon the huge tropical plants, and banana trees 28 feet high, with ripe fruit in the familiar

SOCIETY ladies here are not slow in adopting any quaint fad, so the dentists say. The latest is filling false teeth with tiny diamonds that sparkle brilliantly and are very much prettier Invitations are out for a reception to be held by Mrs. Mary Battin, at Crafton station,

next Thursday. Hours from 3 to 7. Several hundred guests will be received. PITTSBURG has invested in orchids over

\$5,000. They are to be seen in the conservatory. The Holy Ghost flower, a variety of orchid, is MRS. ROGERS, son and daughter, of No. Fifth avenue, Oakland, reached home last Sat-urday from an extended European trip. THE "dress magazine" edited by Jen Miller is having an extensive sale since her

A REMARKABLE SERIES.

lecture here.

Four Biblical Romances From the Pens of Noted Authors. Next Sunday THE DISPATCH will commen

the publication of a series of four Biblical and is from the pen of Prof. Georg Ebers, one of the foremost novelists of the age, and equally renowned as an Orientalist and Egyptlogist. He discovered "Papyrus E," a hieratic manual of Egyptian medicine, which is known the time of the plague, and the narrative of the escape of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and their wanderings in the desert, has furnished him with striking and suggestive

material. "Joshua" will run through ten numbers of THE SUNDAY DISPATCH, and will be followed by two romances, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, ssisted by her husband, Rev. Herbert D. Ward. The first is a novel of the time of Christ, entitled, "Come Forth," and the scene of the second which has not yet been named. will deal with the events in which the Prophet Daniel was a central figure.

The series will conclude with a romance by H. Rider Haggard, entitled "Esther," which will give this talented author an opportunity for treating in his picturesque manner the barbaric pomp and magnificence of an ancient Asiatic court

THE BOILERS WERE UNSAFE.

Why Fred Douglass Was Not Taken Hayti on the Ossiper.

WASHINGTON, September 30.—The official correspondence concerning the detail of the United States steamship Ossipee to take Minister Douglass to Hayti is made public this evening. It shows in the first place that Com mander Kellogg was relieved from duty on the Ossipee before it was known that that vessel would be detailed for the service named. Lieutenant Commander Evans insisted that he could make the trip on the Ossipee, although his chief engineer reported that the boilers were in an unsafe condition.

Secretary Tracy appointed a board to make a thorough examination of the ship, and upon a report that it would take \$20,000 and 106 days' work to make the ship saworthy decided to work to make the ship seaworthy, decided to revoke the order for her salling, and the Cap-tain of the Kearsarge was then notified to put his vessel in readiness to convey Minister Douglass to Hayti.

PAID \$20 FOR A KISS. An Old Man of 72 Fined for Persecuting His

Niece of 18. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., September 30. - At Biountsville, Blount county, George aged 72 was tried before a jury of 12 in the Circuit Court, and found guilty of an assault and fined \$20 for kissing his 18-year-old niece. Annie

Slaughter.

The testimony was that the old fe'low had persecuted Miss Slaughter with his attentions until the thing became unbearable. An Imported Glassworker Detained NEW YORK, September 30 .- Andrew Otter on, a Swede, who landed here to-day on the

Servia, and who acknowledged he was going to work for Everett & Lyons, glass manufacturers, of Indianapolis, was detained at Castle Garden of Indianapolis, was detained inder the contract labor law.

A GREEN GRAVE IN IRELAND.

There's a green grave in Ireland, Where Mary, my fond aweetheart, Rests in her dreamless sleep; We loved when both our hearts were young, And hope throbbed in each breast; But nevermore has hope been mine Since Mary sank to rest!

I've lived through many weary years,

Since on that summer morn Sweet Mary gave her farewell kiss And left me all forlorn; I hear her sweet voice calling me, I have not long to stay: Bright hope will once again be mine When death bids me away!

There's a green grave in Ireland, Where my heart lies buried deep;
Oh, lay me there beside my love
in my last, dreamless sleep!

—Jennie B. T. Dovet, in The Century.

GLEANINGS IN GOTHAM.

Three Suicides in One Day. INEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS.

York, September 30.—Three p ted suicide in this city to-day. His on, 48 years old, killed himself b rded his life as a failure. He be to regarded his life as a failure. He belonged to the of the wealthiest families in Connecticul Some time ago be quarreled bitterly with his prother, James C. Batterson, President of the Iravelers' Insurance Company, in Hartford terminated his acquaintance with all his other relatives, and came to New York. He became a clerk in the office of the New England Monitories. relatives, and came to New York. He became a clerk in the office of the New England Monument Company. For the last three weeks he had been very despondent. This morning he gave the office boy an old revolver, with instructions to get it loaded. The boy obeyed him. Half an hour later a shot was heard in the wardrobe, the door was opened, and Batterson was found dead on a seat, with a bole in his right temple. In a note on his deak were directions that he should be cramated, and this query: "Was I ever worse than J. C. B?" (his brother). Leopoid Neuland, an Austrian mechanic, 63 years old, swallowed poison this morning because he believed his wife and daughter wished him out of the way so they could get hold of his small savings. He died an hour later. A handsome, well-dressed young woman drank a big dose of carbolic acid in Bedford Park, this neon, and died before an ambulance, arrived. A note in her pocket indicated that she died for love.

Looking for a Lawyer. Matthew J. McKeon, a lawyer, charged with murdering Alexander Graham, gave himself up to the police to-day. Mr. McKeon was drinking in a downtown salcon, ten days ago, when his best friend ran in with half of his nose gone. The friend said that Alexander Graham, who had followed him into the salcon bit off the missing piece of nose during a fight outside. Mr. McKeon knocked down Graham with a walking stick. He was held in only \$100 bail for court, the next day, and Graham was thought to be convalescing. Later Graham's skull was found to be fractured, and Mr. Mc-Keon's bail was raised to \$1.000. Four days ago Graham died, and the police began to search for Mr. McKeon as his murders.

At a meeting of the Centennial Judiciary Committee to-day William Allen Butler, Charles A. Peabody, Enoch Fancher, ox. Judge Robert H. Robertson and ex. Judge J. Newton Fiero, of Kingston, N. Y., were made an Executive Committee to prepare a plan for celebrating, on the first Tuesday of next February, the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the United States Supreme Court.

Robert McChesney, Chief Clerk of the De Robert McChesney, Chief Clerk of the Department of Arrears in Brooklyn, was talked into a fit by an Irate taxpayer this morning. The taxpayer, Mr. Henry L. Coe, had been stirred up by an official notice that his vacant lot in the Seventh ward would be sold at auction in ten days, because he falled to pay 29 cents taxes on it two years ago. It is pretty expensive in Brooklyn to redeem property after such a sale, and the taxpayer knew it. He therefore proceeded to give Mr. McChesney a a big piece of his mind. After listening to him for about 15 minutes McChesney fell to the floor in a fit. He was carried home and the scared taxpayer hurried away. scared taxpayer hurried away.

Left All to His Housekeeper. Thomas G. Rodwell died last June. His relatives tried to bury him, but Mrs. Ellen F. Cabness, his colored housekeeper, got possession of his body for burial by swearing that she was his widow. The Rodwell family got another shock when their dead relative's will was read. In it he remembered his sisters and cousins and aunts with only a few dollars each. The bulk of his property, two city houses and lots, he had left to his colored housekeeper. The Rodwells began suit on the ground of insanity and undue influence. The case is on hearing.

A CASTLE GARDEN MISSION

That Has Alded Over 5.000 Young Immi

grant Girls This Year. THE DISPATCH is in receipt of a circular letter from Rev. M. Callaghan in charge of the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary in connec-tion with Castle Garden, New York. This noble mission is for the protection of immi-grant girls. Of the noble work of the mission Rev. Father Callaghan says:

Young girls landing in a strange country, inexperienced and often penniless, away for the first time in their lives from their homes, and beyond the reach of parents or friends to advise or pro-tect them, cast amid the din and danger of a large city and its sinful pitfalls, if left to them-selves would soon become the prey of the design-ing and evil-minded, who lie in wait for such as they. The saintly Father Hordan well knew the they. The saintly Father Hlordan well knew the perils to which they were exposed, when he started and laid the foundation of this home in which safety and shelter could be afforded them. This he did at a cost of \$70,000, \$85,000 of which still remains unpaid. To liquidate this debt and meet the daily expenses incurred—which amount to no small sum, when we consider that 5,024 young girls passed through the home within the last nine months, some remaining one night, others two and three, and some even a week, here they could proceed on their journey or obtain employment—money is needed.

WENT OFF WITH A BANG. An Old Army Musket Explades of its Own

Accord in Libby Prison. CHICAGO, September 30 .- A most peculiar accident accurred yesterday afternoon in the Libby prison. Many were frightened and some confusion resulted. C. H. Rutter, of New Albany, Ind., and George Michaels, who saw the affair, tell the following story:

"Resting against one of the pillars were a number of old war muskets. No one was nearer than five feet to them. Suddenly one of nearer than five feet to them. Suddenly one of
the muskets was discharged, the contents tearing a hole in the ceiling above. The report was
terrific and several people were greatly excited
over its suddenness."
How the old musket was exploded no one can
explain. It had done service during the late
war, and some soldier had loaded it in readiness to fire. It was placed among the other
relics, apparently without being overhanled.
The charge must have been in the rifle at least
28 years.

FIVE MILLIONS AT STAKE. Mr. Farley Will Try to Recover the Amoun

Through the Supreme Court. ST, PAUL, September 30.—An appeal 1 been taken to the United States Supres Court in the case of Jesse P. Farley against J.
J. Hill, the Kittson estate, and the Manitoba
road, recently decided by Judge Brewer, of the
United States Circuit Court. The action, as is
well known, involves some \$5,000,000.
Mr. Farley is determined to fight the case to
the end. The appeal was filed in the office of
the United States Circuit Court Saturday after-

TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

MRS. ADAM ULRICH, of Muhlenberg street, Reading, went into her cellar on Friday morning to get some potatoes, but hastily retreated on seeing in one corner a dark form, from which came an ominous hiss, When Mr. U. came home he went down stairs with his shotgun, and came up again with a dead muskrat.

asked a Wheeling father of his 9-year-old hoy; and the youngster, who had been reading about the battle of Bunker Hill, answered confiiently: "Cause, it's English, you know." A HANDY man in Steubenville used his chil-

"WHY did you kill that poor little sparrow?

dren's roller skates to move a heavily laden re-frigerator from the dining room to the out-kitchen, and not one breakdown happened. JOHN W. SAMS tells the Bedford Gazette

that he served as a sharpehooter before Peters-burg in April, 1865, and that he fired 153 shots, 78 of which he saw take effect, one unhorsing but he declines to subtract a single victim. HARRY RUPERT, a barber of Huntingdon,

captured a sea-gull along the river there a few days ago. Birds of that species are rarely seen, in the interior of that county. The bird is now in the hands of a taxidermist in Philadelphia. COMPLAINTS of light weight in connection

with pound sausage are heard in West Chester.

A TITUSVILLE woman went to the cupboard the other day, got the sugar bowl, discovered a live mouse in it and fainted dead away. "PLEAS com upe—dad is away this eve," was the message found on a postal card picked up on a street in Bradford. It was signed "Sadie," and addressed to a prominent young man. The youngest Deputy Sheriff in the Joited States was appointed last week by the sheriff of Queens county, N. Y. His name is seeden Weller and he is 13 years old.

-Men working in an old cellar on Larned street, Detroit, dug out several cannon balls. The place where they were found was near the site of a fort magazine during the War of 1812.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The New York Fire Department owns

-The Friends' meeting house at Woods-own, N. J., which has been built 10s years, has not received its first coat of paint.

-Mr. Montambeau, of Bay City, had aix white mice, aix kittens and a like number of pupples born into his household on one day recently.

-A flying squirrel was seen in Punzsu-

awney the other evening making a descent rom the roof of a clothing store, right in the enter of the town.

—That was a good day's work which a Maine minister performed last Sunday, he having preached five sermons, two of them funeral sermons, attended Sunday school and held a prayer meeting.

Two pairs of twins, aged respectively 18 and 81 years, met at the Hall mansion in Mosherville, N. Y., a few days ago. Mrs. Lucy Hall Allen, of Stillwater, and Mrs. Louiss Hall Finch, of Mayfield, are the older pair, and the Misses Williamson, of Washington, D. C., the younger.

miles from Monticello, Fla., went to town a few days ago, he throw his maddle bags across his horse and when he dismounted and felt in his bag for something, he pulled out a dead snake which was probably alive when he started on his journey.

-Mrs. Frank Ososki, of Bay City, has had to pay \$66 for assaulting Mrs. Barthones Freedowski. She banged the latter individual because she thought she had bewitched the Ososki children and made them ill, and she had been told that if she licked the witch they would get well. -The Germans are distinguished for their

-Mr. William G. Dillingham, while -Mr. William G. Dillingman, fishing in Gordon creek, Ore., a few days since, discovered a beautiful fossil trout, lo inches in length, in a huge bowlder. Every fin and scale of the fish was as plainly marked in the make as if out by a skilled artist. Many people make as if out by a skilled artist. Many people make as if out by a skilled artist. scale of the ash was as plainly marked in rock as if cut by a skilled artist. Many peo wonder how troot get in streams above h falls. They were doubtless there before falls were made, as from this fossil it is dent that there were trout in the streams Oregon in prehistoric ages. Mr. Dillingh intends to go out some day and catch t fossil trout with a hammer and chisel.

of the objectionable rooster has appealed to the highest tribunal in the country. He argues that his rooster only exercises his natural right when he crows, and that a rooster his a very useful and necessary animal. "Without roosters," he explains, "there would be no hens, and if we had no hens there would be no eggs. Since, therefore, we cannot do without bens and eggs, we cannot do without roosters either." The case so far has been rather expensive for the defendant, but he is of good cheer and hopes to carry the day by his logical argument.

-One of the most wonderful manufactures of recent growth is that of catsup. A great number of factories have originated in the past ten years, and competing brands are as pientiful as those in any line of manufactured articles. Tomato catsup has conquered the world. In our younger days our mothers used to put up a supply about this time every year for winter use, and it was a condiment occasionally served at table. Now it has taken its place with the salt and pepper in daily use. Some people cat it three times a day, and many millions of gallons are required to supply the annual demand. This popularity of catsup has made tomatoes as profitable a crop as wheat, and many farmers plant acres of vines every year just to supply the catsup factories; at 20 cents a bushel an acre of tomatoes is always profitable. The farmer simply fills his wagon bed with the ripe fruit and hauls the load to town. There is no waste, for the riper the fruit the better for catsup. The old world is how using American catsup, and the trade is always on the increase. articles. Tomato catsup has conquered the

Cholly-Which is wight, "I don't think" Miss Flyppe-In your case either .- Terre Hante

A Fall in Live Stock .- Gaggs (as Stub-

Only Words,-"Pa, what's the difference

We read of a Kentucky man who was

'tween a curter and a fitter the signs tell about?''
"Same thing, my son. My barber's such a
beastly cutter that he's fitter to adorn a slaughter
house.''—Detroit Free Press.

truth .- Barper's Basar. When They Lick Them .- Miss Langham -You Americans use the name of George Washington very frequently, do you not?

Mr. De Yank-Yes, Indeed. Why, "George Washington" has been on every one's tongue since postage stamps were invented.—New York

house has just been destroyed by fire.
Venerable Author--Was nothing swed?
Messenger--Very little, All your early books
and manuscripts were burned.
Venerable Author-- Thank heaven!-- Chicago

Visitor-O, well, that's a different thing, of course. -Boston Transcript.

(on whose daughter Sprigs is sweet).-- You young rascal, what did you mean by teiling people that I was an old pirate?

Sprigs (who ought to know)--1-I didn't, sir. I only said that you were a free booter, and I can prove that.-- New York Num.

The Romance of Reality,-Bessie-Madge

—A dog which was swimming in the bay near the Brunswick and Western dock at Brunswick, Ga., Wednesday suddenly gave a yelp and disappeared. Spectators supposed that a shark had made a meal of him.

-The Germans are distinguished for their love of titles. The climax in this direction was reached a few days ago in Darmstadt, when the Grand Duke created a man "Court Sauerkraut Cutter." Hereafter he must be addressed, according to custom, as "Mr. Court Sauerkraut Cutter," and he will be offended unless the title is used.

-One of the remarkable features about architectore in New York at present is the rapidity with which buildings are completed, particularly the great office buildings in Wall-street and elsewhere down town. Formaris

paradularly the great office buildings in was street and elsewhere down town. Former the construction of such buildings was a mai ter of years; now they are finished and occu-pied in a few months after the foundations ar-laid. Mine and 10-story buildings which wer-only begun in Jane are now ready for the occurants.

-A farmer on Bullskin Prairie had a —A farmer on Bullskin Prairie had a drove of 12 half-grown geese killed and awallowed by rattiesnakes east of Hartford City, Ind., a few days ago. The geese were observed early in the day by a gang of telephone men at work, and their strange actions were commented on, but the cause was not discovered until toward evening, when the one remaining goose was rescued from a circle of rattlesnakes and several of the reptiles were killed, their bellies distended with the geese they had swallowed. One of the rattlers was an enormous fellow, about 5 feet in length.

fellow, about 5 feet in length.

—Germans are anxiously awaiting the final verdict in a very peculiar case which recently came before the German courts. Two ladies of Wesel, it seems, made a complaint before a magistrate some time ago that one of their neighbors was the owner of a rooster whose loud crowing disturbed their simplers every night. The magistrate decided that the noise was disorderly and fined the owner of the rooster, "because he did not prevent the animal from crowing at night." An appeal from this decision was taken to the higher court, but without success. Now, it appears, the owner of the objectionable rooster has appealed to the

PUNNY MEN'S PANCIES. or "I think not?"

paralyzed by a mosquito bite. It is a wonder that the bite didn't paralyze the mosquito.—Texas toes falls full length on entering the dining room)
—Is he one of our regular boarders?
Waggs-Oh, no: he merely dropped in for dinner.—Detroit Free Press.

Truth for Once.-Giles-I'm glad I let that fellow have the small loan. He seemed over-whelmed with gratitude, and said he could never repay me.

Merritt-That was strange. He told you

Excited Messenger-Mr. Wiseman, your

Visitor-You don't mean to say that you do sewing Sundays? How can you do such a wicked thing? Lady of the House-Ol but, you know, I always

A Similarity of Terms.-Old Moneybags

Sunday School Teacher-I need not ask Sunday School Teacher—I need not ask you, children, whether there has ever been a man since Samson's time as strong as he was. All of you probably know there was not.

Small Boy (recently from Texas)—Yes, ther' has! I've heard maw say my Uncle Rufus could hold up a whole railroad train all by hisself.—Chicago

was out walking with Charlie and they had a quarrel. Charlie gave her a shore and she felt into the lake. Everybody said she would have been drowned if George hadn't been there and saved her. She is going to be married next wook.